

## Why save water?

Conserving water will help you save money and maintain environmental integrity. There are various measures you can take—at home, outside, at work, at play—they can be relatively painless as well as quite rewarding!

For example:

- ☼ Make sure appliances and fixtures are working properly and are energy efficient.
- ☼ Use native plants in gardens and in place of turf grass, install rain barrels, plant a rain garden.
- ☼ Avoid water toys that use a constant stream of water.
- ☼ Patronize businesses that practice sound water-saving techniques.

**You can make a difference!**



## At Home



**Saving Water** for most households, the vast majority of water is used indoors. Installing efficient fixtures and taking conservation actions can help reduce your water use year-round. Using less water saves money on your bills and is good for the environment. For example:

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Newer appliances and fixtures tend to be more water and energy conscious.

Consider toilets, faucets, showers, hoses, and so on.

Source: Saving Water Partnership, Seattle and Participating Area Water Utilities  
www.savingwater.org/idea

# SAVING WATER



## Out Doors

**Rain Barrels  
Rain Gardens**



## Everywhere

**HOOSIER RIVERWATCH**  
VOLUNTEER STREAM MONITORING & ADOPT-A-RIVER PROGRAM

Source: das Manufacturing, Inc.

Awareness → Education → Acceptance



Despite our rainy days, we may not get enough precipitation for your yard and/or garden. Choosing drought-tolerant plants, such as native plants, which have the added benefit of requiring less fertilizer and pesticides, will save you money on water bills, decrease the amount of time spent in maintenance endeavors, and help to protect our environment!



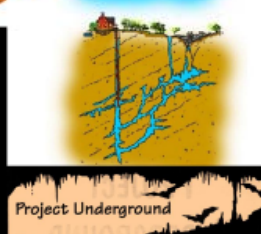
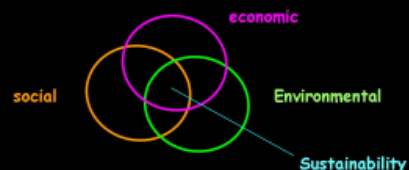
A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from your rooftop to use later for things like lawn and garden watering. Water collected in a rain barrel would normally flow through your downspout, onto a paved surface, and/or eventually into a storm drain...

Source: Center for Watershed Protection  
http://www.cwp.org/Community/WatershedInfrastructure.pdf



# Education!

## At Work



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